

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act is  
5 amended by changing Sections 7 and 7.3 as follows:

6 (325 ILCS 5/7) (from Ch. 23, par. 2057)

7 Sec. 7. Time and manner of making reports. All reports of  
8 suspected child abuse or neglect made under this Act shall be  
9 made immediately by telephone to the central register  
10 established under Section 7.7 on the single, State-wide,  
11 toll-free telephone number established in Section 7.6, or in  
12 person or by telephone through the nearest Department office.  
13 The Department shall, in cooperation with school officials,  
14 distribute appropriate materials in school buildings listing  
15 the toll-free telephone number established in Section 7.6,  
16 including methods of making a report under this Act. The  
17 Department may, in cooperation with appropriate members of the  
18 clergy, distribute appropriate materials in churches,  
19 synagogues, temples, mosques, or other religious buildings  
20 listing the toll-free telephone number established in Section  
21 7.6, including methods of making a report under this Act.

22 Wherever the Statewide number is posted, there shall also  
23 be posted the following notice:

24 "Any person who knowingly transmits a false report to the  
25 Department commits the offense of disorderly conduct under  
26 subsection (a)(7) of Section 26-1 of the Criminal Code of 1961.  
27 A first violation of this subsection is a Class A misdemeanor,  
28 punishable by a term of imprisonment for up to one year, or by  
29 a fine not to exceed \$1,000, or by both such term and fine. A  
30 second or subsequent violation is a Class 4 felony."

31 The report required by this Act shall include, if known,  
32 the name and address of the child and his parents or other

1 persons having his custody; the child's age; the nature of the  
2 child's condition including any evidence of previous injuries  
3 or disabilities; and any other information that the person  
4 filing the report believes might be helpful in establishing the  
5 cause of such abuse or neglect and the identity of the person  
6 believed to have caused such abuse or neglect. Reports made to  
7 the central register through the State-wide, toll-free  
8 telephone number shall be immediately transmitted by the  
9 Department to the appropriate Child Protective Service Unit.  
10 All such reports alleging the death of a child, serious injury  
11 to a child including, but not limited to, brain damage, skull  
12 fractures, subdural hematomas, and internal injuries, torture  
13 of a child, malnutrition of a child, and sexual abuse to a  
14 child, including, but not limited to, sexual intercourse,  
15 sexual exploitation, sexual molestation, and sexually  
16 transmitted disease in a child age 12 and under, shall also be  
17 immediately transmitted by the Department to the appropriate  
18 local law enforcement agency. The Department shall within 24  
19 hours orally notify local law enforcement personnel and the  
20 office of the State's Attorney of the involved county of the  
21 receipt of any report alleging the death of a child, serious  
22 injury to a child including, but not limited to, brain damage,  
23 skull fractures, subdural hematomas, and, internal injuries,  
24 torture of a child, malnutrition of a child, and sexual abuse  
25 to a child, including, but not limited to, sexual intercourse,  
26 sexual exploitation, sexual molestation, and sexually  
27 transmitted disease in a child age twelve and under. All oral  
28 reports made by the Department to local law enforcement  
29 personnel and the office of the State's Attorney of the  
30 involved county shall be confirmed in writing within 24 ~~48~~  
31 hours of the oral report. All reports by persons mandated to  
32 report under this Act shall be confirmed in writing to the  
33 appropriate Child Protective Service Unit, which may be on  
34 forms supplied by the Department, within 48 hours of any  
35 initial report.

36 Written confirmation reports from persons not required to

1 report by this Act may be made to the appropriate Child  
2 Protective Service Unit. Written reports from persons required  
3 by this Act to report shall be admissible in evidence in any  
4 judicial proceeding relating to child abuse or neglect. Reports  
5 involving known or suspected child abuse or neglect in public  
6 or private residential agencies or institutions shall be made  
7 and received in the same manner as all other reports made under  
8 this Act.

9 (Source: P.A. 92-801, eff. 8-16-02.)

10 (325 ILCS 5/7.3) (from Ch. 23, par. 2057.3)

11 Sec. 7.3. (a) The Department shall be the sole agency  
12 responsible for receiving and investigating reports of child  
13 abuse or neglect made under this Act, except where  
14 investigations by other agencies may be required with respect  
15 to reports alleging the death of a child, serious injury to a  
16 child or sexual abuse to a child made pursuant to Sections 4.1  
17 or 7 of this Act, and except that the Department may delegate  
18 the performance of the investigation to the Department of State  
19 Police, a law enforcement agency and to those private social  
20 service agencies which have been designated for this purpose by  
21 the Department prior to July 1, 1980.

22 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the  
23 Department may adopt rules expressly allowing law enforcement  
24 personnel to investigate reports of suspected child abuse or  
25 neglect concurrently with the Department, without regard to  
26 whether the Department determines a report to be "indicated" or  
27 "unfounded" or deems a report to be "undetermined".

28 (Source: P.A. 85-1440.)

29 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
30 becoming law.